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Specialist Rafael Hernando III

United States Army 1st Cavalry Division

Company A -5th Battalion 7th Cavalry Regiment

- Born- February 9, 1949
- Parents- Rafael Hernando Jr. and Ramona Morales
 - Second of ten siblings
- Grew up south El Paso, moved to lower valley 1959
 - Attended Ysleta High School
 - Joined US Army March 28, 1967
 - Assigned to Viet Nam August 1967
 - Wounded October 27, 1967

Received Presidential Citations for:

Bronze Star Medal- for Meritorious Service

Bronze Star Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster – for Meritorious Service

Air Medal- Meritorious Achievement while participating in sustained aerial flight

Other Awards:

Purple Heart -for wounds received in combat
Combat Infantryman Badge
Republic of Viet Nam Service Medal
Republic of Viet Nam Campaign Medal
Good Conduct Medal
Cross of Gallantry Medal

- Attended El Paso Community College and University Of Texas at El Paso 1973-1978
- Helped organize Paralyzed Veterans of America Veterans organization in El Paso- 1980
- Organized Wheel chair Sports Organization in 1980 for Viet Nam Veterans of El Paso
 - Coached daughter and sons in Soft ball, T-Ball and Baseball 1982-1987
 - Began Volunteering in SISD – Sierra Vista Elementary-August 2000
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 - Co-Founder After school Program, and Volunteer Coordinator
 - Help reactivate American G.I. Forum of Greater El Paso 2002
Commander AGIF of Greater El Paso 2003-2004